

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF MARION COUNTY JUDGE PATRICIA GIFFORD

#### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Judge Patricia Gifford, a pillar in the Marion County community and one of the people who inspired me to seek a career in public service. For three decades, Judge Gifford served as Superior Court Judge of the Criminal Division in Marion County, Indiana. She was a pioneer in her field, and will be forever remembered for inspiring women in the legal profession. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, and especially in Marion County, are forever grateful for Judge Gifford's contributions to our Hoosier community.

A life-long Hoosier, Judge Gifford grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1960, she graduated from the College of William and Mary and began her career as a school teacher before earning her law degree. After graduating from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1968, Judge Gifford became an associate at the law firm of Runnels and Rademacher. In 1969, she began her career in public service as Deputy Attorney General and later as Marion County Deputy Prosecutor under Noble F. Percy. While serving as Marion County Deputy Prosecutor, Judge Gifford was simultaneously a partner at the law firm of Moriarty & Gifford. She later became a referee for the Marion Juvenile Court in 1975, before serving as Superior Judge. Winning her first election in 1978, Judge Gifford was a well-revered leader in the Marion County Republican Party. She went on to win re-election to the bench four more times.

Throughout her three decades on the bench, Judge Gifford constantly redefined the role of women in the courtroom. She was one of the first women in the U.S. appointed to prosecute only sex offense cases. In 1978, she became the sixth female to be elected to a Hoosier trial court. Known for her sharp demeanor and even-handed leadership, Judge Gifford had strict business like control over the courtroom. Although tough, her reputation as a courteous and fair judge was known throughout the entire Indiana legal community.

In 1992, Judge Gifford gained national recognition for presiding over former heavy weight boxing champion Mike Tyson's rape trial. The extensive international media coverage could have easily turned the trial into a circus. Judge Gifford did not allow that to happen, and was widely praised for keeping order throughout the trial. In an exceptional 30-year career as a trial judge, thousands of defendants, victims, attorneys, and jurors appeared in her courtroom. She was an extraordinarily fair judge who upheld the highest ideals of equal justice under the law. Judge Gifford retired in 2008. Even in retirement, her accom-

plishments paved the way for women on the bench, and Judge Gifford remains an inspiration to the legal community across the State of Indiana.

Judge Gifford's work was not only greatly appreciated, but also recognized and awarded by her peers. She was the recipient of numerous awards including Sagamore of the Wabash, Distinguished Hoosier, Indianapolis Bar Association Silver Gavel Award, and the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society Lifetime Achievement Award. She was an active member of the Indianapolis Bar Association, and would have received her fifty year pin this year.

In Marion County, Judge Gifford's contributions to the community went beyond her duties on the bench. A woman of faith, she served four terms as a member of the Board of Directors for the Board of Church Extension and of the Disciples of Christ, and served twice as Chairperson. Judge Gifford also served as President of the Third Christian Church Board of Directors and was a member of the Board of Directors of Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, Christian Theological Seminary, and Saint Richard School.

Judge Gifford's legacy as a brilliant judge and community leader will live on through her countless contributions to the Hoosier State. As a lawyer who practiced regularly in her court for thirteen years and then as a dear friend, I, along with so many others, will greatly miss Judge Gifford. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I want to extend my most heartfelt condolences to her husband; Robert Butsch, daughter; Jennifer Butsch Petit, son-in-law; Michael Petit, and three grandsons; Jack, George, and Samuel Petit and all who mourn her loss and cherish her memory.

### HONORING FORMER ALABAMA CONGRESSMAN CARL A. ELLIOTT

#### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2018*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor former Alabama Congressman Carl A. Elliott as a historical marker is scheduled to be dedicated on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at his birthplace in Vina, Franklin County, Alabama, recognizing Congressman Elliott's contributions to his hometown, his state, and his country. I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this Nation to recognize Congressman Elliott for his dedication to public service and as a former member of this body and someone who served years as Congressman in the district that I am now honored to represent.

Carl Atwood Elliott was the oldest of nine children of G.W. and Nora Elliott. He left home at 16 to attend the University of Alabama, working his way through college. He was elected President of the Student Government Association, earning his law degree in 1936.

Continuing on his road to success, he was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1948 using the theme "From Farm Boy To Congress". For 16 years, he faithfully represented the families of small farmers, coal miners, and small businesses in his Northwest Alabama district. A lifelong champion of universal access to education, Congressman Elliott's Library Services Act of 1956 brought books to readers in rural counties. His National Defense Education Act of 1958 enabled millions of needy students to attend college. During the years that followed, he became a local writer and in 1972 was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by the University of Alabama. In 1990, Congressman Elliott received the first John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. His autobiography, *The Cost of Courage: The Journey of an American Congressman*, was published in 1992.

Congressman Carl Elliott was, in every sense, a devoted and passionate public servant. I am proud to call Congressman Elliott a fellow Alabamian, and he is truly deserving of this recognition that is to take place in his home county of Franklin near his birthplace in Vina, Alabama.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2018*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was unable to attend votes on 4/18/18. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call No. 143; Yea on Roll Call No. 144; Yea on Roll Call No. 145; Yea on Roll Call No. 146; and Yea on Roll Call No. 147.

### HONORING ANNE SHANE

#### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 19, 2018*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anne Korb Shane for the results of her lifetime commitment to the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana. Throughout her decades of effort in the public, private and nonprofit sectors, Anne has provided solid, innovative thinking and effective leadership that turned promising new ideas into flourishing programs and institutions benefiting all Hoosiers.

Anne's inclusive and humble leadership style is rooted in the belief that impactful, cross-sector, systems-level change, enabled by talent, is required to address the opportunities and challenges we face as a city and state. Her leadership in establishing and then chairing Teach for America (TFA) Indiana—now in its tenth year—is a prime example of Anne's impact. Without a diverse, top tier talent pipeline, a thriving environment for education reform would not have been or still be

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